

Teaching Commons

Graduate Students Newsletter

York University Teaching Commons Graduate Students Newsletter, April 2021



Supports for the End of Another Year

Can you believe another academic year is coming to a close? Final exam time is always stressful for students, but particularly this year. A resource created for faculty, [Alleviating Student Anxiety](#) may be useful to you in supporting your students too! Student Accessibility Services also offers a blog full of tips: [Blog 175 - Student Accessibility Services Exam Tips for Faculty: Don't Miss Out!](#) The Teaching Commons offers supports for your teaching and opportunities to learn with each other.



Supporting Teaching At York (STAY) Symposium

The Senior Teaching Assistants (STAs) have been working hard all year preparing different teaching development events for you. This will culminate in the STAY Symposium, where they have prepared a series of challenges to engage you, and to encourage you to prepare something for your future teaching, with each challenge!

The challenges will range from universal design for education where you'll make your classes more inclusive and accessible, to assessment, designing reflection into assignments, feedback strategies, and rubrics. You will have numerous opportunities to consider connecting with your students and engagement using technology both synchronously and asynchronously. Finally, the STAs will challenge you with different design components, through syllabi, transitioning back to face-to-face, and in Science.

Please join us if you haven't yet registered. Come and STAY!

[Here is the link to register for the STAY Symposium](#)

More Interactive Webinars for the Record of Completion Certificates

If you were hoping to earn the Senior Record of Completion certificate but aren't sure whether you've attended all 4 of the interactive webinars required, not to worry! We have two more webinars this month, and more will be added throughout the summer. So, if you're interested, please register for the STAY Symposium above!

- **Asking Effective Questions to Facilitate Learning**, Friday April 16, 10-11a.m. via Zoom. [Here is the link to register.](#)
- **Reflective Teaching and Evaluation**, Thursday April 22, 1-2p.m. via Zoom. [Here is the link to register.](#)



12 Days of Assessment–Webinar Series (Thurs., 10:00-11:00 EDT)

Join us during the month of April as we wrap-up our weekly webinar series focused on Assessment. Hosted by two Educational Developers, Eliana Elkhoury and Brian Nairn, these 1-hour webinars will discuss a number of topics all related to assessment. All sessions are recorded for your convenience.

[Please click here to register for any of the sessions.](#)

- April 8: Rubrics
- April 15: Feedback
- April 22: Assessment and Academic Integrity
- April 29: Assessment from the Student Perspective – if you are interested in being part of this panel email Eliana Elkhoury - eelkhour@yorku.ca

For more information about assessment, or to view previously recorded sessions, please visit our [Assessment webpage here.](#)



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